

LYMAN N. COOK.

[To accompany bill H. R. No. 220.]

MARCH 5, 1840.

Mr. CHITTENDEN, from the Committee on Invalid Pensions, submitted the following

REPORT:

The Committee on Invalid Pensions, to whom was referred the petition of Lyman N. Cook, report :

That the petitioner has clearly proved, by his own affidavit and that of Eli Hill, that he went into the service of the United States in the fall of the year 1814, as surgeon's mate, under the said Eli Hill, who was the surgeon of Colonel Allen's regiment of New York militia; that he went into Canada, and was attached to the hospital department of General P. B. Porter's volunteers of militia for six months.

The petitioner states (verified by his affidavit) that, during the battle at Fort Erie, on the 17th of September, 1814, the drum of his right ear was ruptured, and the other ear so seriously injured by the discharge of cannon from Towson's battery, which was near the hospital, as to amount to almost total deafness; that his deafness still continues, and affects him to the extent of the loss of one half of his professional business; and that he is in low pecuniary circumstances.

Surgeon Eli Hill states that, before the action at Fort Erie, the petitioner labored under no defect of hearing, to his knowledge; that he believes that the hearing of the petitioner was very much affected by means of the discharge of cannon from Towson's battery, as his hearing became seriously impaired soon afterward. William H. Reynale and Samuel S. Endress, practising physicians, testify that they have examined the petitioner, and find him laboring under a disability of one half, in consequence of deafness produced by the rupture of the drum of the right ear, and a defect in the left.

The affidavits of Samuel M. Smith, Justus Hall, and Isaac S. Endress, prove that they have been intimately acquainted with the petitioner, and that he is a practising physician in the village of Daunsville, where they reside; that he is a man of veracity, and entitled to full credit; and that the facts as to his deafness, as stated by him, are true, as also the facts in relation to his loss of business, to which his deafness subjects him.

The credibility of the petitioner, and of the several witnesses, is fully sustained.

The committee, therefore, resolve to report a bill for one half pay, from the first of February, 1836, at the rate of \$45 per month.

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relation to his loss of business, to which his deafness subjects him.

The credibility of the petitioner, and of the several witnesses, is fully
established.

The committee, therefore, resolve to report a bill for one half pay, from
the first of February, 1836, at the rate of \$245 per month.

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